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## Today's Topics:

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Off-topic blabber 8-)

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### Radio Shack attitudes (2 msgs)

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## W9GR DSP KIT ??

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We trust that readers are intelligent enough to realize that all text herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 3 Sep 93 16:51:30 GMT  
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu  
Subject: BAYCOM MODEM AND AMIGA QUESTIONS.  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Hello,

Is it possible to use a Baycom compatible modem with an Amiga Computer ?  
Which programs are developped to use the Baycom Modem for Amiga ?  
Is it possible to use AMIGANOS with a Baycom via a driver for a Baycom ?

Thanks a lot and Best regards.

Pascal.

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Date: Thu, 2 Sep 1993 06:14:03 GMT  
From: swrinde!elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!  
darwin.sura.net!rouge!cfm1471@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Dual Band Handies?  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <CCKq6r.M0u@feenix.metronet.com> marcbg@feenix.metronet.com (Marc Grant) writes:

>  
>OK, I know we've talked about this alot, but I have the FT-530. What are  
>some other good dual band handies? How does everyone like the W21AT?  
>What about the Alinco DJ580? Kenwood TH78? If this information can be  
>found in the archives please tell me where to look. Thanks.  
>--  
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Marc, I wouldnt buy the Alinco. Toooooooo many bugs, and shaby quality control.

Charlie

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\*\*\*\*\* Field Day (2A): W5DDL #2 in 92, #1 in '93 \*\*\*\*\*

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Date: 2 Sep 93 14:32:21 -0600  
From: news2.uunet.ca!ukma!nntp.memst.edu!kagoos@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: IC-2400 Cross Band Mod Wanted  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

A friend of mine recently bought a Icom 2400 Dual Bander. He is looking for and Info on the Cross Band repeat Mod or Instructions on how to do it. If anybody has any info please e-mail me.

Thanks in advance,

73 de N9GSA

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Date: 3 Sep 93 17:35:18 GMT  
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu  
Subject: I can't find my original license  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

> I'm looking in the ARRL VE Manual (fifth edition: newer one is at home,  
> sorry), and getting a bit confused about this. From Page 23, second  
> column (Ch. 4: Keepping Track of It All!):  
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> "An examinee is required to present both a photocopy and his or her  
> original FCC-issued license. [Just like Marc G. says above.] In  
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> ...  
>  
> "Original license. The FCC also instructs the candidate to  
> present the team with his or her current ACTUAL, ORIGINAL, SIGNED  
> amateur lincnese, if the candidate holds one."

Ok, so if you show up in person you have to show them your original...  
(read on)

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> (several paragraphs about the importance of this deleted...)  
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> "While the candidate who has proven his or her identity without  
> showing an original license can take the upgrade exam(s) at the  
> session, the candidate may only be issued a Certificate of  
> Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE) that indicates element  
> credit, not upgrade credit. The candidate is responsible for  
> sending a photocopy of the missing license to the ARRL/VEC office;  
> when we receive it, we will compare the data on the license with  
> that on the candidate's Form 610 and, if necessary, contact the  
> FCC for confirmation of the information. (See "Issuing CSCEs"  
> later in this chapter.)"

Huh, but if you mail it in later you only need to show them the copy???  
Seems like they could have taken the copy while you were in front of them  
and saved you a stamp.

I think there are a couple of things missing. 1> the above exception is

primarily to cover the time periods when a person is waiting for the license to arrive in the mail. This happened to me. I took the novice test, then while waiting for it to arrive, I went back and passed all the elements needed to upgrade to Advanced. In this case the VEC could not send in my 610 within the 10 day period, but had to hold onto them in a file until my novice ticket arrived. Then after I mailed them a copy of my novice license, they proceeded with the paperwork and sent in my 610 for the upgrade to advanced. This VEC group has never seen my original license.

2> If you deal with the same VEC group, and they recognize you, and they have seen your license, or were the original VEC that processed your first license then they will likely let you get by with just a photocopy. They already have the records to proof that you are a valid licensed ham.

73,  
de km6wt, mont@ibmmail.com  
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Date: 3 Sep 1993 13:08:13 GMT  
From: concert!lester.appstate.edu!usenet@decwrl.dec.com  
Subject: It's been almost 8 weeks - should I call?  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

> Thomas Jay Pachner (pachner@csd4.csd.uwm.edu) wrote:  
> : I took the exam on July 10, and since then I have purchased my first set of  
> : radios, built an antenna, and even sold some of the older stuff to buy new  
> : stuff. But I still can't talk or tune.  
>  
> : The Questions are:  
>  
> : 1. Should I just wait another few weeks?  
> : 2. Write them.  
> : 3. Call them.  
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A friend took her test on June 15 and was similarly distressed because her license arrival seemed to take forever. This past Saturday (8/28), she received her license. Looks like about 11 weeks right now.

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Appalachian State University  
Boone, NC

Date: 3 SEP 93 08:06:22  
From: aio!asd2.jsc.nasa.gov!kell@ames.arpa  
Subject: It's been almost 8 weeks - should I call?  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <26696dINNau5@uwm.edu>, pachner@csd4.csd.uwm.edu (Thomas Jay Pachner) writes...

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>Thomas Jay Pachner --- Music Major, Bassist, Gamer, and Amateur Operator

>University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee - pachner@csd4.csd.uwm.edu

>Appreciator of all kinds of true music (sorry rap and country)

>Amateur Call Sign: waiting since July 10 (it's worse than tax returns)

Saw a post earlier this week, he had been waiting since mid June. Wait.  
Just like me, also July 10.

Ted

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Date: 3 Sep 93 17:20:30 GMT  
From: psinntp!arrl.org@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: Off-topic blabber 8-)  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In rec.radio.amateur.misc, sking@wattres.SJ.CA.US (Steve King) writes:

> <deleted stuff>

> When I moved to Florida, I looked into how to get a FL driver's license.  
> It turns out, you can't get a D/L unless you own a car, ie, you have a car  
> registered in your name in FL....

Is this really true? How? Why? What's the possible reason? What if you have a spouse or child who plans to drive your car? This sounds exceptionally nutty.

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Date: 3 Sep 1993 13:58:01 GMT  
From: sdd.hp.com!math.ohio-state.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!noc.near.net!  
jericho.mc.com!fugu!levine@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Passed 20 W.P.M. test  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

You get no sympathy from me pal.

Nor do any of the netters who have complained about delays for a few weeks in getting their licenses because of VE or VEC induced delays.

If you've never conducted a VE session (or even participated as a VE as in your case) you don't understand all of the problems, especially if it is one of your first few sessions.

Be EXTREMELY happy you don't have to go to an FCC office for your license as I had to for my Technician Class ticket long ago.

If you don't like the extra waiting time during the session, or the extra weeks it takes to get your license/upgrade, then you should have upgraded sooner and you would have had your license/upgrade sooner!

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Date: 3 Sep 93 17:02:48 GMT  
From: psinntp!arrl.org@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: Radio Shack attitudes  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

[SOME TEXT OMITTED FOR CLARITY]

In rec.radio.amateur.misc, vbreault@rinhp750.gmr.com (Val Breault) writes:  
>In article <2511na\$c74@jericho.mc.com> levine@mc.com (Bob Levine,x247) writes:  
>  
> There have been a lot of postings about how rotten the service  
> is at Radio Shack lately, although I always thought it was a  
> convenient place to pick up odds and ends. Radio Shack's attitude  
> towards Amateurs was never really an issue because I have never  
> considered purchasing any "real" radio gear there.  
><deleted account of RS employee really blowing an opportunity>  
  
>I do not speak for Radio Shack as a whole, nor do I speak for  
>RS #01-6358 in Center Line, MI though I work there part-time.  
  
>Rather than lose you as a customer Bob, I'm sure the store manager

>would like to speak with you. If not the store manager, then the  
>district manager. As I said, it's not company policy to treat people  
>poorly. Though I ought to add... It's against company policy to  
>promote your radio club....

Who told you so? It's not true, according to Ed Juge, W5T00, and Tony Magoulas, in Marketing at Tandy/Radio Shack Headquarters in Ft Worth. Quite the opposite, in fact! The honchos in Texas strongly encourage local stores to develop and maintain contacts with local ham groups and to help promote them when possible. That information has been put in writing and sent to all stores in at least more than one general sales letter/memo from Ft Worth.

>Regarding the company's "attitude toward amateurs," I doubt that there's  
>any attitude...The reason there's Amateur Radio equipment in the stores is  
>because the powers on high believe they can turn a profit by selling them...

And they understand that they need the support of the ham population to enjoy any degree of success, because hams quickly spread the word--good or bad--about any company that markets ham gear. They know this and are careful to try to do their best to urge stores to support local clubs to keep amateurs from beating up on them because of a few anecdotal experiences with poor sales representatives in some stores. If a Radio Shack store manager or district manager doubts this, have them call Ed Juge at Radio Shack corporate HQ in Ft Worth.

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Date: 3 Sep 93 16:40:59 GMT  
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Subject: Radio Shack attitudes  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In rec.radio.amateur.misc, levine@mc.com (Bob Levine,x247) writes:

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>towards amateurs was never really an issue because I've never  
>considered purchasing any "real" radio gear there.

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>Their attitude towards Amateurs REALLY shone through yesterday when  
>I went into the Radio Shack in Marlboro, MA, yesterday. I am the  
>liason for the local ARRL VE team. I asked if I could leave some  
>flyers promoting the next VE session. The sales clerk looked a bit  
>puzzled until I pointed out to him that if locals get their license,  
>they might be inclined to come in and purchase their ham gear. The  
>clerk then understood and said okay. He then added that they would  
>probably buy it whether or not they had a ham license.  
>  
>My reply was "I hope not, since they need a license to transmit  
>with it." (yes, I know you don't need a license to listen, but I knew  
>what he really was implying) and told me he "doesn't HAVE to" let me  
>leave them. He turned his back on me and walked away.  
>  
>Nice attitude, Radio Shack. I'll never patronize this store again although  
>it's less than a mile from my house.  
>  
>Radio Shack, are you listening? Hams get licenses by attending Volunteer  
>Exam sessions. After they get licenses they buy radios. If they learn  
>about ham radio from you they MIGHT come back for gear.  
>  
>Wake up, Radio Shack.

Not long ago, I brought some club hamfest flyers to a local Radio Shack store, and requested that they be posted or placed on the counter for interested customers. The store manager told me that it was "against company policy to display that stuff, but that he could keep it under the counter and hand it out to anyone who inquired about ham radio or local activity." I knew that was baloney, because I had seen some kind of official company marketing newsletter sent out to all stores (they send these out at least monthly), at about the time they introduced the HTX-202 2-meter hand-held rig. The memo encouraged all stores to help promote local ham clubs, classes, exam sessions and hamfests.

I recently spoke to Tony Magoulas, who's a big shot in marketing at Radio Shack's headquarters in Ft Worth. I was trying to locate a copy of this newsletter/memo, which he recalled was definitely sent to all Radio Shack stores at one time, and a further memo that had gone out later (I think that was around the time QST published the letter from Radio Shack VP of Market Planning Ed Juge, W5T00, rebutting implications that Radio Shack wasn't properly informing its employees and customers about the proper use of ham gear). In fact, Tony told me that Ed was in his office while we were talking on the phone!

Tony told me that he wasn't sure if he could locate the original store newsletter, but that he did have some document that had been sent to all stores, which said essentially the same thing. The message also clearly

spelled out that customers should be advised that an FCC Amateur Radio license was required to transmit with the ham rig, and if the customer wanted more info on licensing, it was hoped that the store would know of a local club or two to refer the customer to.

Tony said he'd try to dig up the actual document and fax me a copy. When he does, I'll post the text here. Might be worth scanning into a .GIF or .PCX file that people could download from BBSs and print their own copies to bring to their local Radio Shack stores if the store personnel has its doubts about "official Radio Shack policy" concerning such issues.

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Date: Fri, 3 Sep 1993 13:38:59 GMT  
From: sdd.hp.com!math.ohio-state.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!news-  
feed-2.peachnet.edu!ukma!rsg1.er.usgs.gov!dgg.cr.usgs.gov!bodoh@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Repeater Directories?  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <CCr8Jv.HME@iat.holonet.net>, bwilkins@iat.holonet.net (Bob Wilkins  
n6fri) writes:

|> tomb@lsid.hp.com (Tom Bruhns) writes:  
|> : ..... The ARRL book lists repeater by location, but often the  
|> : location is a mountain or hill that only the locals have heard of, or  
|> : a tiny city that I'd have to search on the map for. Having the repeaters  
|> : pinpointed on a map already is a great help.  
|> :  
|> : The company that publishes them advertises in QST (and other ham rags, I  
|> : believe). Besides individual state maps, they have an atlas of all of  
|> : them.  
|> :  
|> :  
|> I wonder how they put the 1500+ repeaters in California on one page?  
|> San Jose in the heart of the silicon valley must have at least 250  
|> repeaters. Some are High level some are garage boxes...the coverage up and  
|> down the highways is different for each.  
|>  
|> The real question one should allways ask is: What area does the repeater

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|> reliably cover, not where it is located.  
|>  
|> --  
|> Bob Wilkins      n6fri          voice 440.250+ 100pl san francisco bay area  
|> bwilkins@holonet.net      packet n6fri @ n6eeg.#nocal.ca.usa.na  
|>
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I know that not all repeaters are covered, even in SD. It looks like they have tried to eliminate "private" repeaters. The map for California is divided into North and South, they have separate maps for 2 M and "other" and the maps are still pretty busy. I'll bet they still only have what are considered the "major" public repeaters (whatever major means in this context). I still like it - I'll carry both the mapbook (for quick reference) and the ARRL guide (for completeness)...

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+ Tom Bodoh - Sr. systems software engineer, Hughes STX, NOY?? (in the mail) +  
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Date: 3 Sep 93 16:45:48 GMT  
From: ogicse!hp-cv!hp-pcd!hpspkla!depaul@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: W9GR DSP KIT ??  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

AGAIN,

ANYONE OUT THERE WHO HAS A REMEDY FOR THE PROBLEM I'M DESCRIBING??

(THERE HAVE BEEN SOME FOLKS WHO WROTE ME TO TELL ME THAT THEY EITHER HAVE THE PROBLEM OR SAY THE DSP KIT INHERINTLY IS MADE WITH THIS DEFECT...)

Marc DePaul

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Date: 3 SEP 93 08:13:14  
From: aio!asd2.jsc.nasa.gov!kell@ames.arpa  
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References <24ud34\$e44@hpscit.sc.hp.com>, <CC0o14.H8n@westford.ccur.com>, <746890155snx@llondel.demon.co.uk>

Reply-To : kell@asd2.jsc.nasa.gov

Subject : Re: A strange thing that happens when you are learning code

In article <746890155snx@llondel.demon.co.uk>, dave@llondel.demon.co.uk (David Hough) writes...

>In article <260ge3\$7rj@k2.San-Jose.ate.slb.com> jones@San-Jose.ate.slb.com (Clark Jones) writes:

> >Half the fun on here is dealing with the difference between English English  
>and American English (and any other variants which appear from time to time)  
>You will notice that I use English spellings as well :-) (licence, colour,  
>neighbour etc)

also gaol, ghoti etc.

:)

Ted

>  
>Dave  
>--

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>\*\*\*\*\*  
>\* G4WRW @ GB7WRW.#41.GBR.EU AX25 \* Start at the beginning. Go on \*  
>\* dave@llondel.demon.co.uk Internet \* until the end. Then stop. \*  
>\* g4wrv@g4wrv.ampr.org Amprnet \* (the king to the white rabbit) \*  
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Date: Thu, 2 Sep 93 17:47:37 GMT  
From: ncrgw2.ncr.com!ncrhub2!torynews!kevin@uunet.uu.net  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <25t9svINNeoa@topaz.bds.com>, <1993Aug31.174913.2525@pixar.com>, <1993Sep1.042041.23099@ke4zv.atl.ga.us>

Subject : Re: Semi-automatic operation on HF

In article <1993Sep1.042041.23099@ke4zv.atl.ga.us> gary@ke4zv.UUCP (Gary Coffman) writes:

>  
>I continue to find it rather ironic that some users of "the mode that gets  
>through when nothing else will" are the ones complaining about possible  
>interference. The CW only segments are vast empty wastelands by comparison

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>to the HF General phone segments, yet it's a few CW ops who are screaming  
>about possible interference. I say "get a grip" and develop some sense of  
>proportion. CW ops currently suffer the least interference problems of  
>any operating mode, and only they have the empty space available to skrunch  
>over a bit to accomodate other spectrum users. They shouldn't be piggies  
>and demand 1 kHz guard bands on their transmissions. Nobody else has that  
>luxury. Buy a filter, or reprogram the wetware to cope like the voice  
>users have had to do.

When is the last time you listened on the CW subband during a band opening? Sure, there are days when there's empty space, but on those days there's empty space on the phone subbands also. When the band is cooking, I can't find an open spot from 7.025 to 7.050 with more than 500 Hz available. And by the way, I *\*do\** have a filter, a 200 Hz. I hesitate to push this filter to its limit (except during contests) because I know that many folks don't have that luxury.

>  
>I suspect that some may fear a repeat of the AM/SSB wars of the 50s  
>where the more useful mode wins out after a period of voluntary sharing.  
>And they secretly think that theirs is really the less useful mode. Thus  
>they feel the need to demand government protection as an endangered species.  
>That certainly goes along with the continued defense of the special status  
>of Morse testing in the exam system, but I digress. :-)  
>

I'm glad you have this all figured out, Gary ;-) However you could not be more wrong. I won't turn this thread into another dead horse kickathon by arguing about Morse testing, but I will say that if the CW-only areas of the bands are ever shared with the automated-digital folks, it will *\*not\** endanger the manual-digital species. It may, however, force us to spread out into other areas of the band *\*where we are entitled to operate\** rather than remaining in our segregated bandspace. Now which would you rather have?

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[] [] [] [] [][] Dump MS-DOS. Prevent Programmer Burnout with Linux.

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